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1. THE OFTEN UNCERTAIN, FUTURE OF THE ANDEAN PACT IS EVEN MORE MURKY AT PRESENT AS A RESULT OF THE SEPTEMBER 16 BREAKDOWN OF INFORMAL TALKS BY THE COMMISSION. LOCAL HEADLINES TRUMPET CHILE'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PACT, ALTHOUGH THE FOLLOWING TEXTS GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESENT STATUS IS UNCLEAR. THE ONLY THING THAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT CHILE DID NOT ACCEPT THE COMPROMISE OFFERED BY THE OTHER FIVE AND THAT THE LATTER REFUSED TO BEND FURTHER. THE CONFUSION IS UNDERSTANDABLE GIVEN THE LACK OF PRECEDENT FOR THE PRESENT SITUATION. THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT CHILE CANNOT WITHDRAW FROM THE PACT WITHOUT TAKING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO DO SO AND SO FAR HAS INDICATED UNCLASSIFIED

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NO INTENT TO RENOUNCE MEMBERSHIP. THE ALTERNATIVE OF

THE FIVE RENOUNCING THE PACT AND FORMING A NEW ORGAINZATION.

2. THE ONLY ELEMENTS OF THE CONVERSATIONS REVEALED SO FAR WERE GIVEN BY PERUVIAN INTEGRATION MINISTER DE BOIS WHO SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT CHILE HAD DEMANDED AN AVERAGE COMMON MIMIMUM EXTERNAL TARIFF OF 12 PERCENT. THE OTHER FIVE HAD OFFERED A26 PERCENT AVERAGE.

DU BOIS ALSO REFERRED TO, BUT DID NOT EXPLAIN, A CHILEAN PROPOSAL THAT THE TERMS OF DECISION 24 BE BASED ON VALUE ADDED, (PRESUMABLY AS A BASE FOR COMPUTING REPATRIATION OF PROFITS RATHER THAN USING DIRECT CAPITAL INVESTMENT). HE NOTED THIS WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHERS. DU BOIS ALSO HINTED THAT THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE ONE MORE MEETING BEFORE THE OCTOBER 4 DEADLINE FOR SIGNING AND RATIFYING THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL WHICH CHILE REJECTED IN EARLY AUGUST. DEAN

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